

# CHINA



# MAIL.

Established February, 1845.

With which is incorporated The "Hongkong Evening Mail and Shipping List." Published every Evening.

VOL. XXXIV. No. 4883. 號一卅月二十年八十七百八千一英 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1878.

日八月初月二十寅戌

PRICE \$24 PER ANNUM.

## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street; GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTON, Ludgate Circus; E. C. BATES, HENDE & Co., 4, Old Jewry; E. C. SAMUEL, DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.  
PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSEY, 10, Rue Monceau, Paris.  
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 183, Nassau Street.  
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOUZ, Melbourne and Sydney.  
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAK & BLACK, San Francisco.  
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLOR & Co., Square, Singapore; O. HENSEL & Co., Manila.  
CHINA.—MAGNO, MESSRS. A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Guangzhou; CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy; WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow; HEDGES & Co., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and JONES & WALKER, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SAISON, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
E. B. BELLIOS, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq.  
H. L. DALBYMPLE, WILHELM REINHOLD, Esq.  
H. HOPPIUS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.  
Hon. W. KERSWICK;

## CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager,

Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

## ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 12 " 5 " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. GROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS.

### TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$300,000.  
RESERVE FUND, \$250,000.

### Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DR. FONTS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

### ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 6 per cent. "  
" 12 " 6 per cent. "

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.  
LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.  
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.  
CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.  
American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.  
COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.  
FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.  
COCOA MATTING.  
TAPESTRY CARPET.  
DOOR MATS.  
California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.  
WHITNEY BLANKETS.  
REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.  
TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.  
LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.  
GREEN and MARONE REP.  
FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.  
FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.  
NAVY BLUE SERGE.  
CLOTH TROWER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.  
ALBUMS, in great variety.  
CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.  
CHUB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.  
VETRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.  
IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.  
DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.  
TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.  
FOLDING CHAIRS.  
CIGARS, CIGARETTES.  
KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.  
HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.  
CLARET in OAKS. MALT. HOPS.  
CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.  
CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

### CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMAS!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Feronic, and FRENCH and ENGLISH MAIL,  
A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, Comprising:—  
LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS.  
FRENCH FLOWERS & FEATHERS.  
FANCY TIES and SCARFS.  
PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.  
NEW RIBBONS and LACES.  
SUNSHADES in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS.  
DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETEENS and TRIMMING to match.  
BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS, COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PELSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HAND-KERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

BED and TABLE LINEN.  
TAPESTRY and CRETONE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.  
EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A Good SELECTION of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPIEDE HORSES.  
CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS, LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET SETS, TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS.  
THE OLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c., BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLEMEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

S. A. M. H. I. N. G.  
S. T. U. L. T. Z.,  
HAS JUST RECEIVED THE "CYCLOPEDIA,"  
AND HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.  
WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.  
TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.  
HATS in every style.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

66 and 68, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

## For Sale.

### CHRISTMAS STORES

#### —AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
MINCEMEAT.  
SMYRNA FIGS.  
ELVAS PLUMS.  
CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.  
DRAESES.  
French and English BONBONS.  
CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.  
ASSORTED COSAQUES.  
TELEPHONE CRACKERS.  
CONFERENCE CRACKERS.  
AQUARIUM CRACKERS.  
French and English TOYS.  
MECHANICAL TOYS.  
DOLLS in latest Parisian Costumes.  
DOLLS' FORTANTEAUX.  
DANCING and WALKING DOLLS.  
PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.  
ROCKING HORSES.  
MUSICAL BOXES.  
TEA and DINNER SETS.  
NOAH'S ARKS.  
WHEELBARROWS.  
GUNS and SWORDS.  
SPADES and PAILS.  
BARREL ORGANS.  
French ALBUMS.  
LADIES' DRESSING CASES.  
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.  
WORK BASKETS and BOXES.  
LADIES' COMPANIONS.  
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.  
CARD RECEIVERS.  
STATUETTES.  
Bohemian FLOWER VASES.  
Pharaoh WRITING CABINETS.  
SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.  
RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS.  
MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.  
ELECTRO-PLATED SCISSORS in Cases.  
BIBLES.  
PAINT BOXES, FITTED.  
TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.  
ANEROIDS.  
CROCODILE SCENT CASES.  
CIGAR BOXES.  
WRITING DESKS.  
MEERSCHAUM PIPES.  
LATEST DESIGNS in ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.  
MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.  
PATTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

### 6th DRAWING.

### Chinese Imperial 8 per Cent. Loan of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par in Hongkong on the 31st of December, and in London, on the 18th of February next, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situate No. 31 Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

PHARAH WRITING CABINETS.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

ELECTRO-PLATED SCISSORS in Cases.

BIBLES.

PAINT BOXES, FITTED.

TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

ANEROIDS.

CROCODILE SCENT CASES.

CIGAR BOXES.

WRITING DESKS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.

PATTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

### 7th DRAWING.

### Chinese Imperial 8 per Cent. Loan of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par in Hongkong on the 31st of December, and in London, on the 18th of February next, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situate No. 31 Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

PHARAH WRITING CABINETS.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

ELECTRO-PLATED SCISSORS in Cases.

BIBLES.

PAINT BOXES, FITTED.

TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

ANEROIDS.

CROCODILE SCENT CASES.

CIGAR BOXES.

WRITING DESKS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.

PATTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

### 8th DRAWING.

### Chinese Imperial 8 per Cent. Loan of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par in Hongkong on the 31st of December, and in London, on the 18th of February next, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situate No. 31 Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

PHARAH WRITING CABINETS.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

ELECTRO-PLATED SCISSORS in Cases.

BIBLES.

PAINT BOXES, FITTED.

TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

SATURDAY EVENING,  
January 4th, 1879.

M. R. H. VERNON  
began to announce that he  
will take his

FAREWELL BENEFIT,  
On the above Date, on which occasion he will  
be assisted by the

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,  
who have kindly given their valuable  
services.

The Performance will commence with  
H. I. WILLIAMS

Admirable Farce Entitled:

"ROI ON PARLE FRANCAIS."

Principal Characters by

MR. TRABE,  
MR. HOOKEY,

MR. BARNABY BELMORE,  
assisted by

MISS OLARA STANLEY,  
MISS FLORENCE HOWE,

MISS BERTHA DRAEGER,  
and

MISS AGNES DRAEGER,  
And conclude with

CHARLES DIBBINS CELEBRATED BALLAD  
OPERA

"THE WATERMAN,"

Principal Characters by the

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS,

MISS OLARA STANLEY,  
MISS FLORENCE HOWE,

MISS BERTHA DRAEGER,  
and

MISS AGNES DRAEGER.

And conclude with

CHARLES DIBBINS CELEBRATED BALLAD  
OPERA

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at  
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, where a  
Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra  
Stalls..... TWO DOLLARS

Plat..... ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen  
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja20

## Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAQUADDY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Cope, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 27th Inst., at 2 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 2nd January, 1879, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.

Ex "Anadyr."  
T. H. Tan Sive, 4 pkgs. Metal, from Batavia.

Ex "Pet Ho."  
N. M. K. (diamond) 545 Imp. Aldridge  
V. S. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases  
Millinery.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Officers will be Responsible for any  
Dob confiscated by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:

BONZENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.  
Taylor, Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.  
Morrison, Meyer & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.  
Gouyo.—Landaine & Co.

NATIF, British barque, Capt. W. I.  
Meyer.—Messageries Maritimes.

TAIWAY, German barque, Captain C. Jes-  
sen, Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.  
Ch. H. Nelson.—Captain.

PHAROS, British barque, Captain H.  
Sobel.—Wialer & Co.

CIRCEA, British barque, Captain John  
L. Couter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ALBERT, British barque, Capt.  
R. Willis.—Chinese.

WIK, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole  
Larsen.—Meyer & Co.

MAID OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt.  
Alfred W. Webb.—Rosario & Co.

DAVINA, British barque, Captain Geo.  
Sobel.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

## Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND  
JEWELLERS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.

40, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. ja20

W. KERR TAYLOR,  
HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER,  
DECORATOR,  
GLASS EMBOSSED AND GILDING.

Temporary Premises: Fletcher's Buildings,  
Behind R. N. Seaman's Club,  
HONGKONG.

December 28, 1878. ja9

MOORE & Co.,  
"VARIETY STORE"  
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS  
No. 42, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

WONG CHIU,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
No. 84, Queen's Road, HONGKONG.  
(Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS  
FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.  
December 11, 1878. ja11

AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to  
H. E. Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. Ad-  
miral ALFRED P. RIDER, and to H. I. H.  
THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

UNDER the Management of D. K.  
GRIFFITH, recently of the Wood-  
BUTTYPE Co.

Enlargements are now being made in  
PERMANENT PIGMENT, Guaranteed to be  
indestructible by time or climate and at  
Prices very little more than were charged  
for the old perishable Silver Prints.

Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting  
Instrument for the production of Children's  
Portraits.

ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY!  
Taken Daily at Moderate Charges.

STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel,  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSUR-  
ANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in con-  
sequence of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co.,  
having SUSPENDED PAYMENT, the  
Board of Directors of the above Company,  
at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the  
Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant,  
Appointed Mr. J. BRADLEY SMITH as  
General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Busi-  
ness of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of  
Directors with Reference to the Appoint-  
ment of Mr. J. BRADLEY SMITH as  
General Agent of the Company, an Extra-  
ORDINARY MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Head Office  
of the Company, on MONDAY, the 10th  
January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the After-  
noon, when an audited Statement of the  
Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,

WM. REINERS,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to an-  
nounce that, during DECEMBER and

JANUARY next, they will offer their Large  
and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY,  
WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and  
ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably  
under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an  
Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS,  
suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. ja1

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company  
will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst.  
to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja3

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company  
will be CLOSED from the 20th to the  
31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
General Agent, pro tem.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878. ja18

NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING  
LOONG has REMOVED to No. 8,  
STANLEY STREET, where Business will be  
Conducted as usual.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja26

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLACKE will receive his

PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,

No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the

MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

1879.

(Contributed.)

So now 'tis all over with Seventy-eight.  
Its joys and its sorrows both little and great;  
And the burden of this my prophetic song,  
Is what during next year will occur in Hongkong.  
I can tell by the stars that so brilliantly shine  
Of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

The Pier-wall will progress, and a question so great  
Will surely require legislative debate;  
There'll be more correspondence and forthcoming  
rules.

About Education and Government Schools,  
And a host of long speeches, in verbiage fine,  
In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

The Council will meet; Mr. K.—will be there,  
Not five hundred yards from the Governor's chair.  
And we'll have in the papers the usual sport  
Of high-sounding nothing and bitter retort;  
But what work will be done could be put in a  
line.

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

There'll be lots of new-comers—as many's you  
please.

Of Mandarin visits and "heathen Chinese".

There'll be chop-sticks in motion—the heathen  
will break.

His usual quartet of nasty Samuchs.

"Chinchimings of Joss' too, and drinking of wine",

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

In such great jubilations, it surely is plain  
That the Club of Hongkong will not want their  
champagne.

There'll be rankins, and tiffins, and chaff'ring of  
forks.

And the hissing of fluids, and hopping of oysters;

And the drinking of brandy will far from decline

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

To the fife and the drum they will march amid  
cheers.

The Colony's pride—the Hongkong Volunteers;

They will face the blank cartridge with no sign  
of fear.

And their courage won't fail—when no enemy's  
near.

And to take Happy Valley they'll march in a line

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

Our hills and our valleys, and dwellings to boot,  
Will echo to many a thundering salvo.

And the people all over Hongkong and Kowloon

Will hear guns, fired precisely at sunset and noon;

And our shores will be lashed by the billow  
and brine.

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

Ah Sin will be fined for being out in the night  
(Ten cents!) without having a pass or a light;

And some millions of lees will be certainly said,

By Chinaman swearing upon the Cook's head;

And the number of pythons will never decline

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

And our Races will have o'er the very same  
course.

You'll win if you bet on—I won't tell the horse;

There'll be plenty of sweeps, and some "tipping  
the wink."

There'll be plenty of dollars, and plenty of drink;

I'd be sich if those gambling exchanges were  
mine.

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

There'll be storms on the ocean, and ships will  
be lost.

There'll be thunder and rain, and typhoons on  
the coast;

There'll be plenty of shipping of all kinds of sail,

And a few private scandals, but I'll not reveal;

And plenty of billiards, which is not a good sign

For One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

The Astrologer-General sees some dread,  
The gleam of the Fire-star burn over his head;

But he knows that the fire, that has just cast its  
gloom.

Will be greater than any in the year to come,

And the Fire-king to ruin Hongkong won't  
con-sign.

In One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

There'll be births, deaths and marriages—En-  
-European Chinese.

We shall not be without a good quota of these;

There'll be next year's Regatta—but on this I'll  
not touch.

If I told you more you would know too much;

So now I must end this foretelling of mine

Of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

M. MACM. M.

#### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per E. S. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 29th Dec., 1878.

Her Majesty the Queen has written a  
letter conveying her heartfelt thanks for  
the expressions of universal sympathy in  
her late bereavement.

A plot has been discovered to assassinate  
the Emperor of Austria.

#### LOYAL AND GENERAL.

TO-MORROW being New Year's Day, there  
will be a issue of the *China Mail*.

A short service will be held in Union  
Church to-morrow morning, commencing at  
8 o'clock.

At the Pekin is one of the largest and most  
powerful of the P. & O. Company's fleet,  
she has been broken down in some way  
between Singapore and this port. At 7  
pm. to-day, she has been 94 days from  
Singapore.

We requested to state that an open  
sailing boat race will take place on Satur-  
day, at 1 p.m., starting at the Coal Sheds  
at that hour, and finishing at the  
Port Emanuel. The race is open to all  
competitors, and the entrance is 5s.

The *Shanghai Daily News* of the 28th Dec-  
ember, "We are informed that Messrs  
Kelly and Walsh have received a telegram  
informing them that one of the Manila

Lotto tickets sold at their store has drawn  
the \$26,000 prize. The number is 6,014."

This weather for the last few days has been  
seasonable, delightfully dry, exceedingly  
sharp and chilly, and extremely healthy.  
Ice is reported at the Peak, and the  
Barometer has to-day been higher probably  
than at any time during the year. So far  
as we can learn the commercial atmosphere  
is by no means as clear as that overhead.

In the Supreme Court this morning, on the  
Summary Jurisdiction side, all the defendant  
cases were adjourned until Friday, Saturday,  
or Monday next, by an apparently  
unanimous desire and general consent to  
do no more work this year. Except the  
case in which the business of the Opera  
Company is concerned, therefore, nothing  
of interest transpired in Court to-day.

The following Notice to Mariners, dated  
December 17th, has been issued by order  
of the Inspector General of Customs:—

Yangtze River—Shanghai District.—  
1.—Action Buoy.—This Buoy has been  
shifted about 9.0 feet E. by S. of its former  
position. It is moored in 6 fathoms at low  
water, and marks the S.W. edge of the  
Action Shoal.

2.—Vine Point Buoy.—This Buoy has  
been shifted about half a mile W.N.W. of  
its former position. It is moored in 4 fathoms  
at low water, and marks the western edge of the  
Vine Point Shoal.

3.—Fork Tree bears..... 8° 0' W.  
Canton Buoy ..... N. 24° 0' W.  
Langshan Pagoda ..... N. 37° 0' W.

4.—Vine Point Buoy.—This Buoy has  
been shifted about half a mile W.N.W. of  
its former position. It is moored in 4 fathoms  
at low water, and marks the western edge of the  
Vine Point Shoal.

5.—North Tree Light ..... N. 20° W.

6.—Action Shoal.

7.—Action Buoy.

8.—Vine Point Buoy.

9.—Fork Tree bears.

10.—Canton Buoy.

11.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

12.—Vine Point Buoy.

13.—North Tree Light.

14.—Action Shoal.

15.—Action Buoy.

16.—Vine Point Buoy.

17.—Fork Tree bears.

18.—Canton Buoy.

19.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

20.—Vine Point Buoy.

21.—North Tree Light.

22.—Action Shoal.

23.—Action Buoy.

24.—Vine Point Buoy.

25.—Fork Tree bears.

26.—Canton Buoy.

27.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

28.—Vine Point Buoy.

29.—North Tree Light.

30.—Action Shoal.

31.—Action Buoy.

32.—Vine Point Buoy.

33.—Fork Tree bears.

34.—Canton Buoy.

35.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

36.—Vine Point Buoy.

37.—North Tree Light.

38.—Action Shoal.

39.—Action Buoy.

40.—Vine Point Buoy.

41.—Fork Tree bears.

42.—Canton Buoy.

43.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

44.—Vine Point Buoy.

45.—North Tree Light.

46.—Action Shoal.

47.—Action Buoy.

48.—Vine Point Buoy.

49.—Fork Tree bears.

50.—Canton Buoy.

51.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

52.—Vine Point Buoy.

53.—North Tree Light.

54.—Action Shoal.

55.—Action Buoy.

56.—Vine Point Buoy.

57.—Fork Tree bears.

58.—Canton Buoy.

59.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

60.—Vine Point Buoy.

61.—North Tree Light.

62.—Action Shoal.

63.—Action Buoy.

64.—Vine Point Buoy.

65.—Fork Tree bears.

66.—Canton Buoy.

67.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

68.—Vine Point Buoy.

69.—North Tree Light.

70.—Action Shoal.

71.—Action Buoy.

72.—Vine Point Buoy.

73.—Fork Tree bears.

74.—Canton Buoy.

75.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

76.—Vine Point Buoy.

77.—North Tree Light.

78.—Action Shoal.

79.—Action Buoy.

80.—Vine Point Buoy.

81.—Fork Tree bears.

82.—Canton Buoy.

83.—Langshan Pagoda bears.

84.—Vine Point Buoy.

85.—North Tree Light.

86.—Action Shoal.

87.—Action Buoy.

88.—Vine Point Buoy.

## Intimations.

BONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. jas

## SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the necessary Appliances for SALVING OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of 20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878. jas

F. H. U. T. C. H. I. N. G. S. begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply B. E. F. M. U. T. T. O. N., &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK, FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the 1ST JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated at Hongkew, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, comprising several Rows of GODOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the Staff, and several Rows of WORKSHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete, and Covering an Area of about 2½ acres. The Foundry commands a fine River Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is the most complete for the Building and Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the Terms upon which they will take the above Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received until the 1ST JANUARY, 1879, for the COMPANIES DOCK, situated at Pootung, Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about 1,200 feet, and Covering an Area of about 4 English acres, with Two DWELLING HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Purchase Money can remain on mortgage of the Property assigned, and in the case of a Lease, substantial security must be given for the due fulfilment of the same by the Lessee. The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1878. jas

## TO LET.

WANTED.  
POSSESSION 15TH JANUARY NEXT,  
In a Central Locality.

A. B. C.,  
Apply to  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East:—

No. 2, The FIRST and SECOND FLOORS, with immediate possession.

No. 3, The FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT, either separately or together, with immediate possession.

## As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, situated to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

## Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

BEEF & BEEF!

Ship "Commissary"

Twelve PRIME INDIA MESS BEEF, For Sale by private bar-

gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA STOCK.

B